

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON COMMERCE**

**Tuesday, September 27, 2005**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Room 519, House Office Building**

**Vice-Chair Baxter** called the Standing Committee on Commerce to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, David Law, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Tobocman, Murphy, Dillon, Bennett, Accavitti (17/19)

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Reps. Wenke, McConico (2/19)

**Representative Palsrok**, supported by **Representative Marleau**, moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on September 20, 2005. Hearing no objection, the **motion prevailed** with unanimous consent.

The **Vice-Chair** laid **House Bill 4369** before the committee.

HB 4369   Amos	Economic development; commercial redevelopment; commercial redevelopment act; enact.
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**Representative Amos** explained the intent of the bill.

**Gabriel Basso**, from the Office of Representative Amos, answered questions regarding the bill.

**Richard Marr**, representing Maram Holdings, testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions.

**Dan Hunter**, representing Oakland County, testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions.

**Carl Solden**, representing Waterford Township, testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions.

**James McBryde** and **John Czarnecki**, representing the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, testified in **support** of the bill with amendments.

**Scott Schrager**, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified on the bill and answered questions.

**Bill Anderson**, representing the Michigan Townships Association, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

**Vice-Chair Baxter** explained the intent of a proposed **Substitute (H-2)** to **House Bill 4369**.

**Representative Jones**, supported by **Chair Huizenga**, moved to adopt **Substitute (H-2)** to **House Bill 4369**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Tobocman, Murphy, Bennett, Accavitti (15/19)

**NAYS:** None (0/19)

**PASS:** Rep. Dillon (1/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

**Chair Huizenga** explained the intent of a proposed amendment to **House Bill 4369 (H-2)**.

**Chair Huizenga**, supported by **Representative Tobocman**, moved to adopt the following amendment to **House Bill 4369 (H-2)**:

1. Amend page 3, line 3, after “is” by striking out “30% or more vacant” and inserting “40% or more vacant for 12 or more consecutive months immediately preceding the date of application for the certificate and that is 15 years old or older”.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Tobocman, Dillon, Bennett, Accavitti (15/19)

**NAYS:** None (0/19)

**PASS:** None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

**Vice-Chair Baxter** explained the intent of a proposed amendment to **House Bill 4369 (H-2)**.

**Representative Schuitmaker**, supported by **Chair Huizenga**, moved to adopt the following amendment to **House Bill 4369 (H-2)**.

1. Amend page 16, line 9 by striking out all of Section 17.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Tobocman, Murphy, Dillon, Bennett, Accavitti (16/19)

**NAYS:** None (0/19)

**PASS:** None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

**Chair Huizenga**, supported by **Representative Marleau**, moved to report **House Bill 4369**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-3)**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Tobocman, Murphy, Bennett, Accavitti (15/19)

**NAYS:** None (0/19)

**PASS:** Rep. Dillon (1/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

**Chair Huizenga** assumed the chair, the time being **11:34 a.m.**

The **Chair** laid **House Bills 5215** and **5216** before the committee.

HB 5215	Hildenbrand	Single business tax; other; Michigan early stage venture investment act; provide for tax voucher alternative to tax credit.
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HB 5216	David Law	Income tax; other; Michigan early stage venture investment act; provide for tax voucher alternative to tax credit.
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**Representative Hildenbrand** explained the intent of the bills.

**Scott Schrager**, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified in **support** of the bills, and explained the intent of a proposed amendment to **House Bill 5215**.

**Representative Meisner**, supported by **Representative Accavitti**, moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, **Chair Huizenga** excused **Representatives Wenke** and **McConico**.

The **Chair** announced that the committee would go at ease, the time being **11:40 a.m.**

**Chair Huizenga** called the committee to order, the time being **11:50 a.m.**

**Representative Marleau**, supported by **Representative Hildenbrand**, moved to adopt the following amendment to **House Bill 5215**:

1. Amend page 3, line 6, after “act” by striking out the balance of the sentence and inserting a period.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, David Law, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Tobocman, Dillon, Bennett, Accavitti (16/19)

**NAYS:** None (0/19)

**PASS:** None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

**Chair Huizenga** explained the intent of a proposed amendment to **House Bill 5215**.

**Representative Meisner**, supported by **Representative David Law**, moved to adopt the following amendment to **House Bill 5215**:

1. Amend page 6, line 22 by striking out all of enacting section 1 and inserting:  
“Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect unless all of the following bills of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Legislature are enacted into law:  
(a) House Bill No. 5047.  
(b) House Bill No. 5048.  
(c) House Bill No. 5109.  
(d) House Bill No. 5216.  
(e) Senate Bill No. 533.”.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, David Law, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Tobocman, Dillon, Bennett, Accavitti (16/19)  
**NAYS:** None (0/19)  
**PASS:** None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

**Representative Green**, supported by **Representative Jones**, moved to report **House Bill 5215**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-1)**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, David Law, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Tobocman, Dillon, Bennett, Accavitti (16/19)  
**NAYS:** None (0/19)  
**PASS:** None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

**Chair Huizenga** explained the intent of a proposed amendment to **House Bill 5216**.

**Representative Hildenbrand**, supported by **Representative Schuitmaker**, moved to adopt the following amendment to **House Bill 5216**:

1. Amend page 5, following line 5, by striking out enacting section 1 and inserting:  
“Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect unless all of the following bills of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Legislature are enacted into law:  
(a) House Bill No. 5047.  
(b) House Bill No. 5048.  
(c) House Bill No. 5109.  
(d) House Bill No. 5215.  
(e) Senate Bill No. 533.”.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, David Law, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Tobocman, Dillon, Bennett, Accavitti (16/19)  
**NAYS:** None (0/19)  
**PASS:** None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

**Representative Dillon**, supported by **Representative Jones**, moved to report **House Bill 5216**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-1)**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, David Law, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Tobocman, Dillon, Bennett, Accavitti (16/19)

**NAYS:** None (0/19)

**PASS:** None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **11:57 a.m.**

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**Representative Bill Huizenga, Chair**

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk  
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